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Merger of the Prohibition Department with the Police Department.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government are considering the enhancement of scales of pay for staff in the Police Department for additional duties consequent on the proposed merger of the Police and the Prohibition staff?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Are the Government aware that the police are the people who are rendering service throughout the twenty-four hours day and night for the safety of the people, for the prevention of breach of peace and for the security of the country and since they are on low scales of pay, will the Government be good enough to realise their difficulties and raise the minimum of their salary from Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 and also the dearness allowance proportionately? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure the policeman will be grateful for the certificate given by the hon. Member.

Apart from that, the main question is whether there is any proposal to increase the scales of pay in view of the supposed additional duties consequent upon the proposed merger of the Police and Prohibition Departments. The supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to give the estimated savings after the merger is completed? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I would like to have notice."

Grant of non-residential scholarships.

* 341 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state the reasons for granting only non-residential scholarships to those who are residing in recognized institutions like the Madras University Students' Club, Victoria Hostel, etc., instead of residential? 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" It is presumed that the reference is to the grant of schclarships to students of backward classes studying for Law. The Government have since sanctioned seven residential scholarships to these students."

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" சட்டக் கல்லூரியிலே வாசிக்கிற மாணவர்களில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் ஸ்காலர்ஷிப்பிற்காக மனுப் போட்டிருந்தார்கள் ? அவர்களிலே எத்தனை பேருக்கு ஸ்காலர்ஷிப் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As regards the first question, I have no figures, Sir. But, I can give the hon. Member this information. For every year, the